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Change of Leadership Ceremony: New Warden to be Installed at North Branch Correctional Institution

Former Commissioner Rowley Takes Command October 5

TOWSON, MD (September 27, 2007)---John Rowley, former Acting Commissioner of the Maryland Division of Correction, will officially take command of the North Branch Correctional Institution in Cresaptown during a Change of Leadership ceremony on Friday, October 5 at 11 a.m.

Gary Maynard, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, initiated Change of Leadership ceremonies this year to better recognize the efforts and accomplishments of incoming and retiring leaders in the department's agencies, divisions, and correctional institutions.

Mr. Rowley holds a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management from Geneva College. He is a Vietnam veteran who has spent more than 30 years in corrections, having served in high-ranking posts in Pennsylvania and South Carolina prior to his arrival in Maryland.

Mr. Rowley joined the Maryland Division of Correction in 2005 as warden of the Maryland Correctional Institution-Jessup, and was subsequently named assistant commissioner for the DOC's eastern region. Last year, he was appointed Acting Commissioner of Corrections for the DOC before taking over North Branch leadership after the retirement of former warden Joe Neder. The move will allow Warden Rowley to be closer to his home and family.

North Branch is a maximum-security prison still under construction which has won praise nationally as a state-of-the-art facility. It currently houses approximately 560 inmates, and will house more than 1,000 upon completion next year.

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